



JPW

03500.017136

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL.) Examiner: Holly C. Rickman
Application No.: 10/656,242) Group Art Unit: 1773
Filed: September 8, 2003)
For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE)
SAME, PERPENDICULAR)
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :
MAGNETIC RECORDING/)
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS :
AND INFORMATION)
PROCESSING APPARATUS : July 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated July 1, 2004 in the subject application, kindly consider the remarks which follow.